



# Edinburgh Lourdes News

Combined news from the St Andrews & Edinburgh Lourdes Pilgrimage & Hospitalité Committees



## OCTOBER 2023

*Dear friends,*

We are writing to you with some information about forthcoming events and to keep you up to date with items of interest. We also want to encourage you to save the date for next year's pilgrimage, whilst further encouraging you to recruit more pilgrims to join us! Word of mouth is one of our best advertising tools!

It is difficult to believe that we are hurtling into November and will soon be gathering for our annual Mass for Deceased Pilgrims and Benefactors. Of course, our Mass is an opportunity to pray for all of the dead and not only those who are associated with the Pilgrimage.

Following the circumstances surrounding our return to Edinburgh at the end of our Pilgrimage, we have been in contact with Tangney Tours, Edinburgh airport and a representative of the Pilgrimage Committee attended a meeting at the Airport. Once we have a more definitive response from the Airport authorities, we will share the outcome with you all. We did not want you to think we had simply accepted the awful service we received. Rather, we have let it be known how disappointed we were with everything that happened. We await their response!

Since we were together in Lourdes last July, there have been a few opportunities for us to gather together both in prayer and in a social setting.

Our world is a different place since July and we continue to keep all those who are caught up in conflict and war in our prayers, asking Our Lady, Queen of Peace to intercede for them.

To keep up to date with everything relating to either our pilgrimage in July, or to simply keep yourself informed of everything we do to keep the spirit of Lourdes alive at home in our own Archdiocese, please go to one of the following...

- ◆ Our website ([www.edinburgh-lourdes.com](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com))
- ◆ Email/Text (go to the website to sign up for this)
- ◆ Facebook (Helpers of Our Lady of Lourdes)
- ◆ Twitter (@StPilgrimage)

Please take some time to read the information within this newsletter. We look forward to seeing you soon!

With renewed good wishes,

*The Pilgrimage &  
Hospitalité committees*



*As we enter into November, the month of the Holy Souls, your prayers are asked for the eternal repose of:*

Patricia Connelly  
Tom Clarke  
Agnes Cooper  
Margaret Mullen  
Ian Mackenzie

Lady Anne Farmer  
Robert Blackwood  
Michael O'Neill  
Jacqueline Hannan



*May they Rest in Peace and rise in glory.*

**SAVE THE DATE: Sunday 18th August 2024**

**ARCHDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES led by Archbishop Leo Cushley.**

More details will be published over the coming months. This is the first event of its kind, following on from the success of our day spent there during the visit of the Relics of St. Bernadette. It will also be our annual Mass of Thanksgiving. We encourage everyone from around the Archdiocese to join us!



**PILGRIMAGE 2024**

Our Pilgrimage will take place on the following dates:

**Friday 5th - Friday 12th July**

with Archbishop Cushley and Priests of the Archdiocese.

- We are seeking Assisted Pilgrims, Medical Team, Helpers, Youth and Hotel Pilgrims to join us. We also extend a very warm invitation to parishioners (groups, individuals, families, etc.) to join us.
- We look forward to welcoming our Archdiocesan Clergy and Religious.

**CALLING ALL HELPERS!**

If you are travelling to Lourdes and intend to be part of the 2024 Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, then we would encourage you to complete a **helper declaration** as soon as possible if you have not already done so. This helps us to plan ahead and allows us to know how many assisted pilgrims we can accommodate.

**Have you seen the website information?**

Full details on how to book on our website at:

[www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/lourdes24)

**ONE ARCHDIOCESE: ONE PILGRIMAGE**

## 200 Club

Congratulations to our latest winners drawn after the Thanksgiving Mass in St. Cuthbert's. We had a double draw!

**June draw:** 1st Prize (£50 Chris Connolly), 2nd Prize (£30 Mhairi O'Keefe), 3rd Prize (£20 Jacqueline Hendren). **September Draw:** 1st Prize (£50 Jeanette O'Rourke), 2nd Prize (£30 Scott Johnston), 3rd Prize (£20 Sandra Dalglish).

This year, the 200 Club has donated around £1400 to the Hospitalité funds. This is an amazing amount and contributes to much needed funds. Our thanks go to Paul Barry for co-ordinating the membership, draws and accounts for the 200 Club and sincere thanks to all of those who are members of the 200 Club.



### WE STILL HAVE NUMBERS AVAILABLE!

*The more members we have... the higher the prize stakes!*

If you would like to join the 200 Club, then please complete a form (attached with this Newsletter or go to [www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/fundraising/](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com/fundraising/)) and start a STANDING ORDER. You can do this online. This only costs £12 per year for each number you purchase. From now, you could start with a £6 payment before 10th December for the remainder of the year.

### SUBSCRIPTIONS & DONATIONS

We rely upon members subscriptions each year to assist with administration costs, etc. Our 'Subs' are **minimum donation of £5 per year**. You can either pay this directly to Paul Barry at any event, or by Standing Order. Information regarding payment of 200 Club and 'Subs' by Standing Order is outlined below.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS

Account Number: 00409700  
Sort Code: 80-02-85

Remember it is a **minimum** of £5 per year. You are welcome to offer more of a donation if you wish. You can also set up a regular donation to funds, if you wish. **Ensure you put your name as a reference.**

#### 200 CLUB

Account Number: 06003435  
Sort Code: 80-02-83

The 200 club comes off annually. The amount per number is £12, therefore, if you have additional numbers, an additional cost is applied. **Ensure you put your name as a reference.**

Make your shopping easy by visiting

[www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/edinburglourdes](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/edinburglourdes). You shop with over 2,000 well-known retailers such as Amazon,

John Lewis, Boots, Tesco, Argos, M&S and many more. When you make a purchase online, the retailer makes a donation to Edinburgh Lourdes Hospitalité Committee. To remind you to use easyfundraising please follow the link <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/extra-ways-to-raise/> which will remind you to use easyfundraising for all of your purchases. Easy Fundraising also has an App which can be downloaded to iPhone or Android phones. It is an easy and way to support us and it doesn't cost you any more than your normal shopping would!

**easyfundraising**  
.org.uk

### LEGACY GIVING

Leaving a gift to charity in your will keeps your money working toward the causes that are important to you. Would you consider leaving a legacy to the Edinburgh Lourdes Hospitalité?

**Edinburgh Lourdes Hospitalité Website** please visit [www.edinburgh-lourdes.com](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com)

By going to the website, you can...

- Lourdes 2024
- Helpers Page
- Sign up for Newsletters/Texts/Emails
- Keep your diary up to date with all of our upcoming events
- Find out information about things such as volunteers, fundraising, Youth for Lourdes
- Download forms, newsletters and other communications

### **November Mass for Deceased Pilgrims, Benefactors, Friends and Family**

Sunday 12th November 2023 at 3pm in St. David's Church, Dalkeith. Refreshments in the hall afterwards.

### **Christmas Carol Service**

Sunday 10th December 2023 at 3pm in St. Margaret's Church, Davidsons Mains, Edinburgh.

Refreshments in the hall afterwards.

### **February Mass in Honour of Our Lady of Lourdes**

Sunday 4th February at 3pm in St. John the Baptist Church, Corstorphine, Edinburgh.

### **Mass of Welcome for the 2024 Pilgrimage**

Sunday 30th June 2024 at 3pm in St. Cuthbert's Church, Slateford, Edinburgh.



### **QUIZ NIGHT SUCCESS**

Thank you to everyone who came along to support the recent Quiz Night in St. Kentigern's. There was a very good turn out for this event, with a great atmosphere and lots of fun and laughter. It is never easy to plan ahead for these events and we appreciate the time and effort people put in to preparing the quiz and arranging things in the hall. Thanks also to Father Milne and the parishioners of St. Kentigern's for their warm welcome, as always! We look forward to seeing everyone at the next social event.



## **PRIVACY STATEMENT**

The Hospitalité and Pilgrimage Committees take your privacy seriously.

There are two privacy policies - one for the Hospitalite and one for the Pilgrimage Committee. The Hospitalité is an independent charity with its own Privacy Policy. The Pilgrimage Committee operates under the auspices of the Church and therefore is covered by the Church Privacy Policy. You can view each of the Privacy Policies in the privacy section of our website.

Please check website for updates - [www.edinburgh-lourdes.com](http://www.edinburgh-lourdes.com)